

# Vacant Property Review Commission

*Summary - March 19, 2014*

**Members present:** Chip Crawford, Bill Johnston, Martina Ockerman, Karen Deprey

**Also in attendance:** Derek Paulsen, Chris Corcoran, David Barberie, Jonathan Hollinger, Bill Embry, Leah Boggs

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Motion to approve the February 2014 summary. Passed unanimously.

Paulsen spoke briefly about the list of properties. The list includes properties without water service as well code violations and reports to LexCall.

Barberie asked the law department to provide a list of foreclosures. There were about ten properties. The Commission discussed whether the status of the property (foreclosure, for sale, etc.) should have an impact on whether the property should be on the list. It was agreed that according to the ordinance this is not considered.

Hollinger discussed collating data together to better understand the characteristics of each property and asking neighborhood associations to report properties.

Deprey suggested that a similar request to report properties be made to the Lexington-Bluegrass Association of Realtors (LBAR).

The Commission requested to have a copy of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances provided (Housing and Nuisance Violations).

The Commission discussed the capacity of Code Enforcement to inspect properties.

The Commission requested that the following be added to the list: property type, zip code, condemnation orders, demolition orders, foreclosures, and a notes field.

The Commission discussed the criteria for a public list.

Crawford suggested the criteria could be more broad at first and narrowed down as feedback is received.

The Commission will look over the mission statement and goals and provide feedback at the April meeting.

The Commission requested that a letter to property owners who are on the preliminary list be drafted.

The Commission discussed the schedule and setting of tax rates for Abandoned Urban Property. The Commission agreed to the August timeframe for setting the rate.

Motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.